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SUBJECT: GOP YOUTH ORGANIZATION CALLS FOR DISMANTLING US

- BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES

1. "BULLETIN TODAY" OF AUGUST 6 HEADLINES LETTER TO
PHILIPPINE PEOPLE FROM GOP-SPONSORED YOUTH ORGANIZATION,
KABATAANG BARANGAY (KB), DEMANDING THAT "US BASES" IN THE
PHILIPPINES BE DISMANTLED.

2. "BULLETIN TODAY" STORY PLAYED UP FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS
FROM LETTER:

- - THESE MILITARY BASES ARE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF OUR
- BEING AMERICAN STOOGES.

- - EVERYBODY IS AWARE OF THE MANY UNSAVORY INCIDENTS

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- ARISING FROM THE PRESENCE OF THESE BASES.
- FILIPINOS ARE BEING KILLED BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN
- MISTAKEN FOR WILD BOARS. THIS IS CONDEMNABLE.

- - THE SO-CALLED AID GIVEN BY THE US IS NOTHING
- COMPARED TO THE MANY BLESSINGS IT DERIVES FROM
- THE MANY INTERESTS IT HAS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

- - AMERICANS CLAIM THAT THE REMOVAL OF US BASES
- WOULD LEAD TO A MASSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.
- THE TRUTH IS THEY ARE FEARFUL OF ITS CONSEQUENCES
- BECAUSE IT WOULD DIMINISH THEIR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
- NOT ONLY OVER US BUT OVER THE WHOLE OF ASIA.

- - THEY HAVE NOWHERE TO GO EXCEPT OUR COUNTRY AFTER
- THEY WERE TOLD TO GET OUT OF OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.

- - IN RECENT DIPLOMATIC TALKS THE AMERICANS HAVE
- INSISTED ON RETAINING THEIR JURISDICTION OVER
- THESE BASES. THEY USE AS AN EXCUSE THE ISSUE
- OF HUMAN RIGHTS SO THAT THE FILIPINO PEOPLE WOULD
- KNEEL BEFORE THEM FOR MERCY.

- - THEY IS NOTHING MORE TO TALK ABOUT ANYMORE. THE
- MILITARY BASES ARE OURS. AT STAKE IS OUR NATIONAL
- SOVEREIGNTY. THE DIGNITY OF OUR COUNTRY IS NOT
- NEGOTIABLE.

3. LETTER WAS REPORTEDLY SIGNED BY IMEE MARCOS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE KB FOUNDATION, AND MAKAIROG AZNAR, KB NATIONAL PRESIDENT. WE ARE SEEKING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ORIGIN AND PLACEMENT OF THE LETTER. WE SURMISE IT HAS SOME OFFICIAL SANCTION, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WAS PROMILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NENTLY PLAYED IN A MAJOR MANILA DAILY. HOWEVER, EMOTIONAL TONE AND UNEVEN SUBSTANTIVE QUALITY OF LETTER SUGGESTS LITTLE AUTHORITATIVE VETTING BEFORE ITS RELEASE. WE BELIEVE THAT IF LETTER HAD PERSONAL IMPRIMATUR OF MARCOS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE FOCUSED, BETTER WRITTEN AND WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE WIDELY PLAYED IN MEDIA. (STORY DID NOT RPT NOT APPEAR IN OTHER DAILIES OF AUGUST 6 AND 7, ALTHOUGH VALENCIA MADE SHORT SUPPORTIVE REFERENCE TO IT IN HIS AUGUST 7 EDITORIAL COLUMN IN "DAILY EXPRESS" JUXTAPOSED WITH CRITICISM OF 5 MILLION DOLLAR CONGRESSIONAL CUT IN PHILIPPINE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.) MURPHY

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